From ab4el.com Sat Sep 10 20:40:22 1994
Subject: Re: *** QRP CrAZy ! ***
From: "Stan Goldstein, N6ULU" <stan@cruzio.com>

prvalko writes:
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> Has anyone else out in netland gone as far off the deep end as I have,
> when it comes to QRP gear? Here is my inventory as of this afternoon...
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> Argonaut 505   (beautiful antique, complete station w/405 amp & supply)
> Argonaut 515   (way-cool-newest-aquisition!)
> PowerMite PM-1 (The original Ten*Tec... how'd they ever stay in business?)
> ditto   PM-2 (No improvement over the PM1!)
> ditto   PM-3 (Did anyone NOT replace the RCA Antenna jack on these?)
> ditto   PM-3 (Flawless original condition, no holes :-))
> MFJ-9040   (with filter and keyer option... excellent!)
> NN1G 20M rig   (Dan's Kits and Small Parts, build one)
>
> OK, so that's ONLY eight tranceivers... guess I'll have to add some more
> now that swap season is here. What are YOU running?
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> 73 =paul= wb8zjl
>

Yep, u hv some real classics there. I only have 2 now, the norcal40
and the ne-3040, but also have 2 more on the way,, an r-2 which
I think will go on 20 meters and a Sierra which is an all band
rig.
73/73

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Stan Goldstein , N6ULU

From ab4el.com Sat Sep 10 23:56:05 1994
From: CQC@aol.com
Subject: CQC Winter QSO Party

The Colorado QRP Club will hold its first contest, the Colorado QRP Club
Winter QSO Party, February 19, 1995 from 1800 - 2359 UTC.

Rules will be posted at a later date. Rules, sample log, etc. will be
available. Send s.a.s.e. to Jim, KA0JJK, CQC Contest, P.O. Box 31575,
Aurora, CO 80041-0575.

Mark your 1995 calendars.

From ab4el.com Sun Sep 11 00:23:51 1994
From: Mike.Czuhajewski@hambbs.wb3ffv.ampr.org (Mike Czuhajewski)
Subject: Eating crow: Archives

I hereby eat crow in public. Yes, everyone who told me that the archives really ARE in ASCII are quite right, despite all the comments I sent back to them. I chalk it up to unfamiliarity with the Internet access at work (different from here at home), unfamiliarity with ProComm (terminal software) and downloading things from the Internet host at work. I was using a particular set of functions that downloaded the data more or less intact but diddled a bit with the end of line markers or some such in the text, making Word Perfect 6.0 think it was in Word Perfect 4.2 format instead of standard ASCII. I did a few tests and found the correct set of functions/options to use to download the archives from my Internet host to my computer at work and come out as real, true ASCII that wouldn't confuse the word processor.

And a couple hints for anyone who is thinking of FTP'ing the archives from think.com in the future: FTP to think.com, log in as anonymous user (enter the word "anonymous" as your log-on, then for the password enter your Internet address); change directory to the archives:

cd pub/radio/ham/qrp/archives

and then use ls or dir to list the directory. Next, very important, issue the command "binary". If you fail to do this (and I forget sometimes), the files will never be readable. They are stored in compressed format (indicated by the .Z extension on the file name), and when you download them to your local host you have to uncompress them. If not transferred from think.com in binary, they will garbarge forever. After the file is on your host, uncompress it. My host at work is under Unix, so I simply issue the command "uncompress qrp.xxx.Z" and a few seconds it's done--the file now appears without the .Z extension and is in plain ASCII, waiting for you to download from the host to you. (It took me a while to get this straight, and thanks to all those who sent me tips on doing it.)

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From ab4el.com Sun Sep 11 01:57:44 1994
From: NYOUNG@DESIRE.WRIGHT.EDU
Subject: Howes transmitter kits

I just got a note from Jim Townsend telling me that there is
no such thing as a CTX30, the 30m version of the Howes transmitter
line. This despite there being listed a kit for a transceiver for
30 meters on page 8 of the Townsend catalog. Jim offered to send me
the coil and cap changes for the pi network in the output, but I
wonder if the input coil of the oscillator/buffer circuit might also
not need modification.
Any hints? Like is there a reader of this list in England who might
know about a CTX30?
I'd like to know, because I'm gonna use the CTX30 (even if I have
to modify a 40m version to have one) to salvage the miserable performance
of the NN1G transmitter on 30m. (Don't ask. It's a long story and
I've already wasted enough time on it.)
Of course, if the CTX and the NN1G won't talk to each other, then I
do have a problem. Then I have to get the DCRX30 that probably
doesn't exist (although you'd have to have one in order to put a
30m transceiver kit on page 8 of the catalog), I'll have to modify
either a DCRX20 and the matching vfo or the DCRX40 & it's vfo.
As if I haven't fought enough over 30 meters as it is.
And did anyone get the QSL info for the station from 3B8 that
was on a couple days back? I don't hear so good any more and it's
cold and I need my medication.

73
Nils
WB8IJN &c

From ab4el.com Sun Sep 11 02:51:44 1994
From: rohrwerk@holonet.net
Subject: NE5514's ? Junkbox empty

On 09-06-94 Roger_L_Traylor@ccm.jf.in wrote to qrp-l@netcom.com:

 > Does anybody have one or more NE5514 quad op-amps they would be
 > willng to sell me. I am one short of having enough for my R2. I am
 >   willing to send stamped self addressed envelope plus cost of the
 > part.   For those who don't know, Digi-Key no longer has these.

When I ordered my parts from Digi-Key, the NE5514 was not in the catalog, but I
asked on the phone, and they had them! Perhaps one should not assume that they
don't have them simply because they're not listed in the catalog.

: John Seboldt rohrwerk@holonet.net /   I am Bach of Borg...
: Amateur radio K0JD...   /   your style will be
: Church of the Annunciation,   /   assimilated.
: Minneapolis   /

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From ab4el.com Sun Sep 11 05:10:58 1994
Subject: QRP inventory
From: Clark Savage Turner WA3JPG <turner@safety.ICS.UCI.EDU>

Well, I am not quite the fanatic some others seem to be :-) ,
(Though I have bought and sold three 509 Argos in the past two
years ...), but here is my list FYI:

NorCal 40 (main portable rig) with Kenwood AT 130 tuner.
Spider for 40, crystalled up for 7040 and 7110.
* I use a CMOS Super Keyer II and bencher paddles (from the
notorious supplier here in California!), and a J-38 key.
* I use a simple 100 foot dipole up 35' fed with tv twin lead into a
4:1 balun with 2 feet of coax through my aluminum window frame into
my MFJ 986 tuner.

I mostly use a Corsair I at QRP levels on 40 SSB and CW.
I will use a Corsair II (it is coming :-) too.
I have a Kenwood TS 440 as a backup rig, soon on the selling block.

By the way, I have found a most BEAUTIFUL microphone, the EV 638,
and it is just heart warming for me. I hear my audio is really
wonderful with it (on the Corsair) and I often cruise 40 meters
SSB late in the evening (after 0600Z) if anyone is around to talk.

72

Clark
WA3JPG

From ab4el.com Sun Sep 11 00:30:16 1994
From: Mike.Czuhajewski@hambbs.wb3ffv.ampr.org (Mike Czuhajewski)
Subject: Serious Milliwatt Interest?

My "silent partner" has received the first generation photocopies of
the Milliwatt from me and took them to the printer. He said they are
now quoting a price much higher than they did a few weeks ago, but it
can still be "affordable". He's waiting for me to give him the
go-ahead, so I'd like to see how much interest there is--it could
cost as much as $25 "postpaid" in the US and Canada. If you'd still
be interested even at that price, let me know and if there's enough
interest we'll go ahead. (This is not an attempt to jack up the
price; regardless of what the price ends up at, it will be a
non-profit operation. We only want to recoup all expenses.)

Here's a brief description of the "product"--I have a set of first

generation photocopies which will become second generation copies. Quality is not outstanding but quite acceptable. There are 360 sheets of paper, but this time it will be on both sides of the page, which will hold it down to 180 sheets--this is not a small publication! Occasionally the subject of scanning them into a computer comes up; it would take a considerable amount of time, which I don't have for something like this, but more importantly, I feel that would be like colorizing a classic black and white movie (I'm one of those who believes colorizing should not be done).

The Milliwatt (subtitled The National Journal of QRPp) was co-founded by Adrian Weiss and me, although he did 99.9% of the work. I was already publishing the precursor, a newsletter which contained a QRP section, when he found about it, came on board and easily convinced me to convert to 100% QRP, since that was why almost everyone was getting it anyhow. He took over the editorial and printing end at the U of South Dakota, changed from mimeo to offset printing, and poured a tremendous amount of time and energy into it.

I wimped out after 4 issues and ran off to join the Air Force [and finally retired from it in 1991]; it was much more appealing than being drafted and sent to Viet Nam! The Milliwatt ran for 33 bimonthly issues between 1970 and 1975 and is an important and classic part of the history of QRP. (It was printed in the same format as SPRAT, QRPp and The Five Watter.)

I am not taking orders yet; that will come later, if we decide to go ahead with the project. At this point I'm just testing the waters again, this time with a projected price attached. Let me know if you're still interested at a possible cost of $25 (in the US/Canada only; UPS shipping included). It may cost less, depending on my partners negotiating powers. When the sales announcement comes, I'll also mention it on rec.radio.amateur.homebrew, hoping to catch some of the folks who unsubscribed to the QRP mailing list.

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From ab4el.com Sun Sep 11 00:45:22 1994
From: dh@deneb.csustan.edu (Doug Hendricks)
Subject: Station rigs

Hey, I think it would be really interesting and informative if we would do as Stan and Paul have done and post a list of our QRP gear. It will take me a while to do the inventory, but I have more than 10 that I can see right now.
72, Doug, KI6DS

From ab4el.com Sun Sep 11 02:51:37 1994
From: rohrwerk@holonet.net
Subject: Ten Tec Corsair stability

On 09-09-94 turner@safety.ICS.UCI.EDU wrote to rec.radio.amateur.misc@sa:

 > Anyone know about a guy in Georgia who produces a mod for the Corsair
 > PTO that is some sort of comparator that prevents drift?

Here's a chance for a Ten Tec expert to come forth. I hear sporadic reports of drift in various rigs.

In fact, when I first started working AMTOR some guy told me my Argosy wasn't stable enough. Bull****. It will stay overnight on 10 MHz WWV and not move more than about 10 or 20 Hz. (relative to zero beat, which you can hear in the beating of the noise level)

(Of course, mechanically sometimes it moves around, or sometimes I feel the dial is a little flaky.)

Comments?

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